HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 629

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend David Moore for meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is David Moore, a physical education teacher and former football coach at Lenoir City High School and founder of the CARE 365 program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore founded CARE 365 just two months after the 1999 Columbine High School shootings; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit organization promotes random acts of kindness to show kids that everyone, from the bus driver to teachers and football coaches, cares about them, even after the school day ends; and

WHEREAS, the program also helps struggling members of the community with food, clothes, and appliances, buys Christmas presents for needy families, takes deserving children on limousine rides, and names "Careacter Star Athletes of the Week"; and

WHEREAS, one of the most popular programs in CARE 365 is the battery jump starter program; and

WHEREAS, David Moore has kept jumper cables and a battery jump starter in his office since 2000 and, over the years, has had to help jump start numerous high school students' cars, even helping as many as twelve in one day; and

WHEREAS, the necessity for these items helped Mr. Moore come up with the idea for the battery jump starter program, which raises funds to donate jump starter kits to schools in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the jump starter kits, which come with jumper cables, an air compressor, and a light for early mornings or nights after football games, cost approximately \$50.00; and

WHEREAS, since David Moore began asking people to donate for these kits, CARE 365 has been able to put a kit in every school in Loudon County and every high school in Knox County, Blount County, and several other surrounding counties, with many of the kits being donated by school alumni in honor of their favorite teachers or coaches; and

WHEREAS, eventually, Mr. Moore seeks to put a jump starter kit in every school in the State of Tennessee, including elementary and middle schools, at which parents and teachers may need the help of the kits; and

WHEREAS, the jump starter kits help spread the purpose of CARE 365, which is to show kids and students that faculty members care outside the school as well; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore estimates that he has helped jump approximately 2,000 dead car batteries at Lenoir City High School over the last twelve years, and believes that the simple act of helping students start their cars creates a "care-nection"; and

WHEREAS, the greater Lenoir City community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of David Moore; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mr. Moore who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud David Moore for his many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, his unwavering commitment to others, and his astute leadership in Lenoir City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor David Moore upon founding the CARE 365 program and

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the battery jump starter program, commend his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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